

May 18, 2011 Evaluation Survey

Please rate the value of knowledge gained on the subject of the following presentations

Total number of responses = 20

	No value	Low value	Moderate value	High value	Very high value
1 Understanding Nutrient and Sediment Loss from Overwintering Livestock Areas Fred Madison and Tim Radatz, UW Extension	0	2	10	7	1
2 Farm Management of Overwintering Livestock Areas Kevin Mahalko, Producer	0	0	6	10	4
3 Farm tour of outwintering site Bill Kolodziej, Producer	0	1	6	10	2
4 How do you plan to use the information you gleaned from this workshop with your clientele? See below					
	Totally missed the mark	Little value	Adequate	Good effort	Goals well met
5 Our goal with this and future workshops is to provide 1) a foundation of science-based information, 2) insights into the practical application of concepts in real, on-farm situations, and 3) opportunities for networking and sharing information among participants. Overall, how well did we meet these goals?	0	1	4	10	5
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6 Please rate the value to you of the planned SARE workshop series based on the summary provided by	0	0	6	9	4
7 Additional comments and/or suggestions for future workshops: see below					

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I would stress the importance of feeding livestock out in paddocks a great deal further away from buildings, not everyone is going to accept outwintering entirely, on account of their setups. Wind shelter and water are huge concerns. For the most part I think animals will spend many hours in the cold & snow spreading nutrients during the day.

Give them guidelines for planning and managing out-wintering sacrifice areas.

Share with producers how to set up outwintering areas with resource concerns in mind. Promote outwintering as a conservation practice.

Give a perspective grazier Audrey Gorder the information on watering and fencing that I learned from the workshop. They have two separate farms, I will encourage them to try one farm at a time.

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